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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the treatment of the partner of a patient
2 with a sexually transmitted infection.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 139A.41, Code 2020, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **139A.41 ~~Chlamydia and gonorrhea~~ Sexually transmitted**
4 **infection treatment.**

5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
6 a physician, physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse
7 practitioner who diagnoses a sexually transmitted chlamydia,
8 ~~or gonorrhea,~~ or trichomoniasis infection in an individual
9 patient may prescribe, dispense, furnish, or otherwise provide
10 prescription oral antibiotic drugs to that patient's sexual
11 partner or partners without examination of that patient's
12 partner or partners. If the infected individual patient is
13 unwilling or unable to deliver such prescription drugs to a
14 sexual partner or partners, a physician, physician assistant,
15 or advanced registered nurse practitioner may dispense,
16 furnish, or otherwise provide the prescription drugs to the
17 department or local disease prevention investigation staff for
18 delivery to the partner or partners.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill expands the existing clinical practice of treating
23 the sexual partners of patients diagnosed with chlamydia or
24 gonorrhea to include trichomoniasis. Under the program, if a
25 patient is diagnosed with one of these sexually transmitted
26 infections, the patient's physician, physician assistant,
27 or advanced registered nurse practitioner may prescribe,
28 dispense, furnish, or otherwise provide prescription oral
29 antibiotic drugs to that patient's sexual partner or partners
30 without examination of that patient's partner or partners.
31 Additionally, if the infected patient is unwilling or unable
32 to deliver such prescription drugs to a sexual partner or
33 partners, a physician, physician assistant, or advanced
34 registered nurse practitioner may dispense, furnish, or
35 otherwise provide the prescription drugs to the department of

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1 public health or local disease prevention investigation staff
2 for delivery to the partner or partners.